

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2006”

WHEREAS, for more than 125 years, the American Red Cross has been the place where citizens join together, and the generosity and compassion of the American people finds purpose. In celebrating American Red Cross Month, we are celebrating the humanitarian and volunteer spirit here in Augusta, Georgia and all across America; and

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were the two most devastating storms in the history of the United States, with the American Red Cross providing more than 2 million overnight stays in some 900 shelters and emergency funds for more than 54,000 people. Locally, the Augusta Chapter responded to the relief effort by serving over 2,700 evacuees, and by sending 20 volunteers to the affected area; and

WHEREAS, The Augusta Chapter responded to over 190 disasters in our eleven county area this past year and trained over 290 individuals in disaster preparedness. Often, this response is to events that do not make headlines, such as single family fires that disrupted lives across Augusta, Georgia. Our Red Cross and its corps of more than 1,300 volunteers are among the first on the scene, providing food, shelter, grief counseling and more; and

WHEREAS, our community turns to the American Red Cross of Augusta for many of the things that make Augusta stronger and safer. Programs such as CPR Saturday are offered to the Augusta Community to teach individuals important life saving skills. Over 5,000 people also turned to the Red Cross to learn first aid, CPR, babysitter training and life guarding; and

WHEREAS, The Red Cross continues to provide support and comfort to our military families by delivering emergency messages between soldiers and their families. Last year, they briefed 500 Reserves and National Guard troops and their families on how to access Red Cross services and connected loved ones separated by war and conflict; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2006, as “AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to volunteer their time and give generously to the American Red Cross and its local offices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 1st day of March, 2006.

Given under my hand
This 1st day of March 2006

Deke Copenhaver
Mayor

